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The Circulation of  
the Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 1,000 of the 4,053 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent. of the people. In Windham it is delivered to over 900 houses. In Putnam and Danielson to over 1,100, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

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## CIRCULATION

1901, average	4,412
1902, average	5,920
1903, average	6,559
1904, average	7,179
1905, average	7,543
1906, average	7,508
March 19, 1909	7,508

## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

The insurance commissioner's report makes a splendid showing for the year. It shows that during the year 1908 the commissioner turned over to the state treasurer the handsome sum of \$114,469.51, which is the largest amount ever turned in from that office in one year. At the end of 1908 there were 332 insurance companies doing business in this state. These were:

Fire, and fire and marine	147
Marine	1
Life	51
Casualty	81
Paternal	51

The report of Commissioner Theodore H. MacDonald shows that of the 147 fire companies the figures of 145 are tabulated. These show:

Capital stock .....	364,000,000.00
Total assets .....	431,625,596.69
Surplus to policyholders .....	189,729,551.69
Amount insured .....	35,227,182.00
Fire premiums received in 1908 were \$4,198,886.35 less than in 1907; the total income was \$235,548,284.64, a decrease of \$4,194,283.91, while the outgo was \$241,601,838.25. The losses of 1908 were \$18,478,508.99 in excess of 1907, verifying the assumption that bad times bring fire.	

The Hartford Courant, commenting upon the report, says: "We have, it seems, five times as many fires per capita as Europe has, and at the same time pay ten times as much for fire extinguishing departments. State legislatures should give the subject direct attention and there should be strict municipal regulations."

**AGAINST EXECUTIONS.**  
There are two bills before the Connecticut legislature for the abolishment of the death penalty and there will be a hearing upon them before the judiciary committee at Hartford on the 21st of March.

The Stamford Daily Bulletin of March 11th, says that "beside the considerable number of Connecticut taxpayers and voters who will appear to give their views and support the bills, invited guests will come from all the other New England states. Important points will be raised, and the experience of those other states will be regarded to the best methods of preventing crime and insuring public safety."

"Statistics from the numerous European countries where the death penalty was long since abolished will be offered and correct version given of the condition of things in France by persons who know that country and its languages and customs well."

As the murder cases are conducted in Connecticut today, there is no justice in the occasional hanging of a culprit. A law that does not work true in five per cent. of the capital cases is not a law worth having.

## THE HABITS OF INDUSTRY.

The compulsory education of children is worthy all the attention which is being given to it, but the training to be had in the schools is only a part of the education that is due to every child. There is a trend to prevent children from working while they are of school age, and there could be no sadder mistake made than not only robbing the families of the benefit of these child earnings but depriving them of habits of industry which will be of value as long as they live. The Hartford Times states the case plainly when it says a mother widowed or impoverished by a sick or a dissolute husband, overworked herself to keep her family together, is entitled to all the help her children can give her. Some of the greatest men this country has ever seen, and in some respects the greatest men the world has ever seen, entered upon their industrial career by the time they were seven, and the habits of industry thus attained were their only resource when it came to acquiring a college education. It doesn't hurt the boys and girls to begin to work, and to earn money early in life. It has been the making of many an eminent American.

The new tariff is going to give us more sugar for less money. The citizens will enter no protest against this.

There will be no bargains in ice the coming summer. It will be of the thin variety at a thick price.

Oyster Bay's interest in Africa will be very intense when Roosevelt gets there and begins his travels.

## YEARS IN ENERGY.

Thomas A. Edison is such an extraordinary man that one is not surprised when he estimates that he has expended the energy of two average men and that by this standard of measurement he is at least 150 years old. Taking his own estimate and applying it to the vigor of his genius—measuring in full the variety and value of his remarkable inventions—he is the equal of 100 average men and is older than Methuselah.

Edison declares that "energy is the generator. Activity is the dynamo. If the generator lies idle the dynamo is idle also. The generator and dynamo may revolve at 1,000 revolutions per minute and accomplish nothing. But connect the dynamo with the machine, and presto, the machine is at work."

"A man may be chock-full of energy and spend his days idling in the sunshine. Or he may rush wildly from tennis to cross-country riding, from polo to auto racing, from the billiard table to wholesale slaughter of defenseless dumb animals."

"In the first case his energy is not even turned into activity. In the second, his activity is wasted."

There is embodied in this a well-contrasted picture of how life is wasted or made profitable through the activity of man. How long a man has lived is of less importance than how much he has accomplished.

## THE ALARMING JAPANESE.

By the hysterics of the California sand-lotters we have been led to believe that the Japanese children were crowding those of native birth out of the public schools and so usurping the privileges and functions of the schools that the American born were in great danger. But what are the facts?

A count shows 123 Japanese children in the public schools of San Francisco and 445 scattered in the rest of the state. Terrible, indeed!—Bridgeport Standard.

This makes the recent agitation appear rather grotesque. What is the alarming in this to a great state like California? The agitators were not prompted by facts, but possibly by selfish interests. This is evidence of absolute ignorance for men would be ashamed to attempt to make a national disturbance over such a trifling affair as this. If 123 Japanese children are capable of demoralizing the schools of California instead of being themselves benefited by the close relation to a superior race, how superior is the race which fears contamination? The whole affair is a shame to the nation.

## THE WAY TO ELECT HIM.

Mr. Lilley may, or may not, aspire to the senatorship in due time. But we feel like warning those newspapers which would hate to see him succeed not to follow the example of the Springfield Republican and begin saying unnecessarily deprecatory things about him two years before election. Experience shows that this is a losing game against this man.—Waterbury American.

Truer word was never said. The very character of the antagonism to Lilley has robbed the effort of his enemies of the power to do effective work. When the people of Connecticut recognize that prejudice, graft and every evil related thereto are trying to condemn an honest man the support of him strengthens every day.

## CREDITABLE TO ATLANTA.

Atlanta did not think that it held a proper or eligible site for the monument to Captain Wirtz which the United Daughters of the Southern Confederacy have had built in its memory, and it is at the stockade at Andersonville that it will be placed—the place where his merciless conduct made him infamous. This monument with its misleading inscription will not save Wirtz from the condemnation which military authorities upon the evidence decreed or give him anything but a despicable place in the history of his country. Wirtz lacked every decent human quality, and in attempting to honor him these women have shown how sectionalism and disloyalty to the Union can numb the sensibilities of the gentler sex and blind them to the murders which this man committed—murders in detail too shocking to be detailed. They may yet live to see the folly of their irrational and unendurable ardor.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: In taking a hint, any woman has every man completely discounted.

A Kansas farmer feels well because he sold a load of alfalfa seed the other day for \$3,000. It was a pretty good price.

Taft's cabinet is not going to be so much of a hearsay company as its predecessors. It is to circulate and to know.

A Philadelphia woman has bequeathed \$50,000 to her two daughters provided that neither of them will marry.

The Massachusetts state board of health gives notice that there were no grounds for the diseased beef scare.

We hope that our congressmen will not have to spend the Fourth of July at Washington. That is too much to require of them.

The Harvard professor who is sure that the earth is preparing to get away does not disturb us, for we shall have to go with it.

Under the primary system of voting in Wisconsin, the politicians who are in the game say that Senator Stephenson was a good thing.

The Kansas horse is winning fame. One kicked a mule to death the other day, and that is something which was thought to be impossible.

President Taft's short, businesslike message made the senators laugh, but he is capable of furnishing one filled with thorns if it is invited.

Congress thinks that it has over a three months' job on the tariff. When it is all over let us hope that it will be satisfactory to the people.

Mr. Harriman calls attention to the fact that Texas is a fine state to camp out in, and some of our hounded public men may finally camp there.

When Champ Clark said that Speaker Cannon showed signs of approaching paroxysm, the speaker took his cigar from his mouth and said things.

The coal barons have roved about

## WINDHAM COUNTY MISSIONARIES

Paper No. VI.

## Missionary Teachers in Thompson and Killingly.

I am very glad to bring to more general knowledge in whom were wont to call our one Thompson missionary—Rev. Elijah Robbins of the Zulu mission, South Africa. He was born in Thompson in 1824. He belonged to a family somewhat noted as evangelistic itinerant exhorters. The only child in this section who won a place in religious literature was the aunt of our one missionary.

A small leaflet tells the simple story of the last illness of "Little Rachel" Robbins, aged seven and a half years, a story of childish piety, faithful hope, as native as the singing of spring birds.

We learn little of the early life of Elijah Robbins. His parents removed to Ashford in 1830, and in 1832 he entered Yale college. Under what impulse and by what aid he was fitted for college does not appear. We might infer that the missionary atmosphere of Ashford was the inciting spring of his effort, but for his own statement, which he wished not to be anything but a candid choice of a mission came in connection with his conversion while at Yale and resulting infirmities. He came to Yale in 1835, and from East Windsor theological seminary in 1839. He was married at about the same time to Miss Adeline Russell, and in September sailed for their mission field. After learning something of the language he went some fifteen miles from any station, and, entering at Zumbwa, Port Natal, where he engaged in missionary work, while pursuing his study of the language and translating the scriptures. Here he gathered a school and church and built a mission house, burning the brick and doing the work himself with his Zulu congregation, without a penny of expense to the board. He cared for his people, included medical as well as mechanical and spiritual service. With true Yankee facility he turned his hand to anything. His surgical practice, though rude was very effective. A poor fellow came to him with a badly swollen testicle which he wished not to have. Robbins had him put his foot upon a stump and with one well-aimed blow of a sharp chisel severed the offending member. Next Sunday the patient walked several miles to hear him preach.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins returned to their native land in 1847 and stayed a well-learned two years, and were aided by relation of South Africa experiences at the usual missionary occupations. We had the pleasure once of recognizing him in our lecture room and listening to "a plain, unvarnished tale" of missionary experience—a privilege that we should have valued more highly and remembered more vividly had not his native modesty and somewhat unfamiliar use of English interfered with our realization of the full value of his experience. Mr. Robbins returned to Africa in 1849 and entered upon what he deemed the crowning work of his life in the Zulu Training school at Adama. His associate in the work, the veteran Rev. Zarah Tyler, reports:

"The seminary for training young men for the ministry, the present measure the fruit of Mr. Robbins' zeal and perseverance. Amid many discouragements he carried out a plan he had formed from the beginning of training the best men we had in our stations for evangelistic work. His

## WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Doings at the University During the Week.

Middleton, Conn., March 17.—Tuesday evening Rev. James L. Tryon, secretary of the American Peace society, gave a lecture in Memorial chapel on the coming of a world peace. He also showed pictures of the men who have been most prominent in the movement which the Peace society is now trying to spread in American educational institutions. The lecture was given under the auspices of the university and the Wesleyan Training school, which is situated in Middleton.

Professors Rice, Winchester and Crawford went Wednesday to New York to meet with the members of the committee of the trustees on the inauguration of President-elect Shandlin. There is little doubt that the date will be set for late in next October. Dr. Sanklin has requested that, on account of the rush of closing up his work at Upper Iowa university, the induction ceremony be postponed to next year. However, during commencement week and will take charge of the administrative affairs the day after college closes. He expects to move his family into the president's house in August.

At the regular meeting of the faculty yesterday it was voted to allow a record for any preliminary examinations that are passed before admission to college. Formerly no credit was given unless the candidate passed more than half of the subjects entered.

As a result of the mid-year examinations George G. Davidson of New York City has been dropped from college and four other men have been put on probation until the end of the year. This method is adopted by the faculty instead of getting rid of all men who fail to pass a certain percentage of their work, by a fixed rule, and much better results are secured.

Nominations have been made for the assistant manager of the basketball team for the season of 1909-10 as follows: E. S. Garman, V. W. Jones, J. Morningstar, A. G. Osborne, W. E. Parker and H. M. Weston. With W. H. Montgomery as alternate, and the freshmen debaters are H. D. Jones, R. Williams, and Albert W. Miller. The judges will be Prof. G. M. Dutcher of history, J. W. Hewitt, assistant in English.

Charles S. Preble of South Brewer, Me., has dropped out of college for a month to teach English at the school at Mt. Hermon.

Prof. Frank B. Little, an alumnus of Wesleyan, has been promoted to the position of professor of mathematics in the navy, with the position of lieutenant commander. He will be stationed at the naval observatory in Washington.

Four Clerical Sleuths.

Liquor sellers in South Brooklyn and on the Park side of Brooklyn were made uneasy yesterday when they heard that four clerical sleuths had made a tour of these districts last Sunday, visiting many saloons and getting an inside view of excise conditions.

Although the ministers gained entrance to a dozen places which were doing a "speak easy" business, they were not recognized. They even chartered with some of the proprietors without exciting suspicion of the saloon.

\$240,000,000 extra since the great strike and now they want an issue so as to get five million more out of the people.

Everybody can enlist in the war against the white plague, and every soldier in that army should take the exercises which are effective against

zeal was not spent in vain, and the native laborers have in the field are ready to testify to the diligence and thoroughness of their teacher."

In contrast with the short lived terms of our other African missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins spent nearly thirty years in effective service. Mrs. Robbins was first called home—a bright, buoyant spirit, most helpful to her husband. In rapidly failing health he continued in his work, and was able to participate in the annual meeting of the Natal mission, which was held at Adama. He died during his mission, Sunday morning, June 30, 1899. The funeral service was conducted in the Zulu tongue by his brother missionary, Rev. Theodor Brown, writer.

"His pen was no tool of ambition, but was busy and useful. A strong and able paper on How to Deal With the Problem of Polygamy in the Zulu Church," and his translation of scripture remain monuments of his industry and devotion. His record of high consecration and noble self-sacrifice is an eternal honor to the class of which he was the only missionary. And may his noble career be a guide to which he was born, and the family with which he was connected."

One well known to many here and more lately removed from his home on a mission to the Congo, was also concerned in this vital work of training others for Christian service. Few ministers raised up in our country have been more widely known at home and abroad than Rev. Walter S. Alexander, D. D. Growing up amongst us, graduating at Yale, and serving in the ministry at Pomfret, his early life was familiar to many. We saw him again as representative of a forward movement in Italy, which was his home, under the call of the American board, he had the charge of twelve of the free churches. This was followed by missionary labor among the colored people of the south, where as professor of theology and president of Straight university he laid foundation for that work which is bringing such men as Booker Washington into the field. His closing years at Cambridge were filled with active labors. His parting words to his daughter came to us in a letter from a dear friend: "Two things are eternal—the Saviour's love and my love for you."

The secretary of the American board sends the names of three others born in Windham county connected with its work, but as they are far as we can learn, were not from other sections, their names were not familiar, but we are glad to inscribe them upon our missionary roll, viz:

Mrs. Jane Hastings, wife of Rev. E. P. Hastings, of the Ceylon mission. (She was a sister, I believe, of ex-President Cleveland.) Born at Windham, July 8, 1828, next October, the death of her husband she came to this country in 1831.

Mrs. Margaret Williams Green, born at Windham, May 18, 1834, wife of Rev. P. H. Brewster, connected until his death with the Canton mission. She has since been in San Francisco in charge of a home for Chinese women and girls.

## ELLEN D. LARNED.

men, discussing with them the activity of the police in enforcing the law.

The clergymen were rather startled on gaining entrance to one place to be informed by the bartender, in the course of conversation, that he was very careful to admit "only regulars" on Sundays. The ministers exchanged questioning glances, but concluded that the bartender had made some mistake and did not become suspicious of each other. In another place the four were

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## CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

Miss Alma Sturtevant was recently appointed clerk of the county court in Boulder, Col. She is a native of Maine and moved to Boulder county from that state three years ago.

Dr. Thaddeus Ashbury Reams, known in the medical profession as one of the great authorities in gynecology, died at his home in Cincinnati. He was 50 years old.

Edwin A. Brown, a rich Denver man, who is devoting his time and fortune to the investigation of the conditions of the poor, says Washington has the worst municipal lodging house in the United States.

"Letchworth Village" is the title proposed by the special commission which has just selected a site for the new state colony for defectives in Buckland county, N. Y. The name is chosen in honor of that distinguished philanthropist, William Pryor Letchworth, who has been so long serving his state in its organized charities and has been particularly interested in epileptics and other defectives.

F. W. Benson, secretary of state, who probably will serve as governor of Oregon when Gov. Chamberlain retires to take his seat in the United States senate, is 51 years old and a native of California. After completing his education at the University of the Pacific at San Jose, he removed to Roseburg, Ore., where he taught school for a time and later practiced law. Next to the governorship, the office of secretary of state is the highest in Oregon, there being no lieutenant governor.

Hastings Hornell Hart, chosen by the Russell Sage foundation to direct its work in behalf of children, has been for 25 years busy in the work of organized charity, having been from 1883 to 1888 secretary of the Minnesota state board of corrections and charities, and since 1893 superintendent of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid society. In 1893 he was president of the national conference of charities and correction on the occasion of its 20th anniversary at the World's Columbian exposition, at Chicago.

The world does not know a great deal of the Earl of Dundonald, who recently celebrated his 50th birthday. He is a man who has never sought advertisement, in addition to being one of the keenest soldiers of England.

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